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OTHER OFFICIALS MAY BE DEPOSED

As Result of Yesterday's Disclosures of Alleged **Extraordinary Irregularities**

PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY INQUIRY

If Any Indictment is Found it will Probably be Upon Charge of Larceny-The Company is Sound and Stockholders Need Not Worry on that Score-Deposed President Sheldon Critically III.

New York, Dec. 7.—Acting upon the recommendations of H. O. Hotchkiss, state superintendent of insurance, whose preliminary report, issued yesterday, alleged extraordinary irregularities in the manage of the Phenix (Fire) Insurance company of Brooklyn, under its now deposed president. George P. Sheldon, the district attorney's office began an investigation before the grand jury today.

The company was in good condition, and would go shead with its business as if nothing had happened.

DEPOSED PRESIDENT SHELDON

CRITICALLY ILL AT HOTEL.

Little Chance for Recovery, Members of Family Say.

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Larceny Indictment.

Four witnesses were examined by Assistant District Attorney Nott. all of them former business associates of Mr. Sheldon. Others are to be examined tomorrow. Lawyers who are following the case, point out that the first matter to be investigated will be in connection with alleged specific irregular acts in the use of the company's funds by its former president. And if any indictment is found, it is said, it will be upon a charge of larceny.

Edwin H. Carter, connected with a brokerage firm of this city, with which Sheldon is said to have dealt, was one of the witnesses before the grand jury today. R. T. Doremus, receiving note teller of a bank; Charles F. Coster, secretary of the Phenix company of Brocklyn, and Frederick Cutter, a book keeper in the brokerage firm referred to, also appeared and testified.

Other Officials Involved. Henry Evans, president of the Continental Insurance company, who to-day was elected chairman of the exday was elected chairman of the executive committee of the Phenix company of Brooklyn, intimated that other officials besides President Sheldon may be deposed as a result of the disclosures.

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THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

Needed as Result of Sugar Frauds at

New York Port.

Representative Giliespie of Texas. It call for an investigation by a joint congressional committee into the sugar frauds that have caused an upheaval in the New York customs house.

WARRINER'S TRIAL POSTPONED.

Wind Up His Business.

SOLD AT AUCTION. The Texas Property of the Waters-

Pierce Oil Company.

LYNCHING AVERTED.

Sentenced to Death.

Williamstown, Ky., Dec. 7.—All with-in a few hours Earl Thompson, a ne-gro, was accused today of criminal as-sault, indicted, tried and sentenced to death. The extraordinary rapidity probably averted a lynching, as a mob-had announced their intention of wrealding summary vengeance on the negro.

Thompson was accused of assault-ng Mrs. Maggie Roberts of Dry

TAMMANY HALL LEADER CONFERS WITH MAYOR-ELECT. appointments to Be Made Were Disoussed, It is Believed.

New York, Dec. Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, motored over to Brocklyn today for what is said to be the first conference that he ling held with William J. Gaynor, mayor-elect of Greater New York Although neither Mr. Murphy nor Judge Gaynor confirmed or denied the report of the conference, it was generally believed in political circles that the two discussed the appointments that are to be made in the new city administration.

Washington, Dec. 7.—While the impression seems to prevail among members of congress that there should be a thorough investigation of the customs service as the result of sugar frauds discovered at the port of New York, there seems to prevail among members of congress that there should be a thorough investigation of the customs compared to take the matter out of the hands of the treasury department and the department of justice.

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The new mayor's decision as previ-ously announced that he would not take the "bosses" into consideration in making appointments caused considerable anxiety in Tammany circles and news of the conference today created some hope that he had agreed to abide more or less by the Tammany slate as selected. His stand in the matter, however, is said to be that he will agree to appointments only when he has satisfied himself that the appointees are capable.

LOOSENED A LITTLE.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Secretary Dickinson loosened the gag which President Taft put in the mouths of chiefs of bureaus last week, by issuing an interpretation of the presidential order that allows the chiefs to talk a little to congressmen, should they drop around their offices.

For instance, Secretary Dickinson informed the bureau chiefs in his department that they could respond directly to any request from representatives or senators for any information on all ordinary and routine matters pertaining exclusively to their respective offices.

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Information, however, bearing on questions of policy or important or unusual matters, or of a character which sound judgment would incidate as coming properly within the discretion of the head of the department should not be given out until after consulation with the head of the department.

SEEN AT PRINCETON. Zaccheus Daniel Says It Is Visible Through Three Inch Telescope.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 7.—Zacchets Daniel, a graduate student in astronomy at Princeton university, announced today that he had discovered a new comet last night while at work in the observatory. The position of the comet, he says, is in right ascension, six hours sixteen minutes, and the declination is north about 34 degrees. It is in the constellation Auriga.

Treasury Estimates Show Department

Washington, Dec. 7.—The annual report of the secretary of the treasury, Franklin MacVeagh, was presented in the house of representatives this afternoon. It gave the usual detailed statement of the treasury operations for the current fiscal year and the estimates for 1911. The estimates show the administration policy of retrenchment.

ment.

The report discusses, among other things means for meeting deficits, a proposed increase on bank tax circulation based on bonds bearing more than I per cent interest; Panama bond issue, and rehabilitation of the customs service, in consequence of the sugar

At Liverpool, Dec. 7: Mauretania, from New York. At London, Dec. 7: Minnetonka, from New York. At Gibrakar, Dec. 7: Caronia, from

Cabled Paragraphs

Brussels, Dec. 7.—It is reported to-left that King Leopold's affliction is heumatism and that he is unable to ralk. Within the last few days he as lost appetite and flesh, and his addition is regarded as serious in iew of his age.

Finkenwerder, Hanover, Dec. 7.— Twenty-one cutters of the fishing fleet from this island, which was at sea when the recent storm arose, have falled to return to port, and have been given up as lost. They carried one or more members from each of eighty families.

Geneva, Dec. 7.—The police today confirmed the report of a wholesale exodus of members of the Black Hand, who mean to find a new field of operation in America. It developed that no less than sixty of these characters, of whom forty have been expelled from Switzeriand before, are making their way by circuitious routes to the United States.

ELECTIONS IN FOURTEEN

MASSACHUSETTS CITIES Reaction of the Wave of Prohibition in Four of Them.

Boston, Dec. 7.—A reaction of the wave of prohibtion which last year swept over the commonwealth of Massechusetts. sachusetts, today in the elections of fourteen cities, sent four of them, Fall River, New Bedford, Mariboro and Gloucester, back into the license column, while Haverfull alone, by a close vote, turned over to no-license. In New Bedford the license majority was 2,341, and in Fall River 2,158. Fitchburg, Lawrence, Northampton, Pitts-field, Springfield and Taunton remain in the license column, while Brockton, Quincy and Waltham continue no-li-cense as a result of the day's voting. The most notable turnover in the

of Family Say.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 7.—Communication with George P. Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phenix Insurance company of New York, concerning the affairs of that company, is impossible, owing to his critical illness. Mr. Sheldon and his wife and daughters occupy rooms in the Maples hotel, where the family has lived for a year and where Mr. Sheldon is now under the care of physicians and nurses. One of the daughters, Mrs. Thomas B. Wells, said today that no member of his family was acquainted with Mr. Sheldon's business affairs, and that he was too dangerously ill to talk about the affairs of the insurance company. Mr. Sheldon fell ill from ptomaine poisoning six weeks ago, after eating scallops at the Apawamis club in Rye. This soon developed into inflammation of the muscle tissues of the heart. Chances of Mr. Sheldon's recovery are slender. Mrs. Wells said that at times her father seemed irrational.

Members of the family first learned of the charges against the management of the Phenix Insurance company last night. They said no lawyer had been retained to act for the family in the insurance case.

Mr. Sheldon has lived in Greenwich The most notable turnover in the mayoralty contests was at Springfield which for the first time since 1901 elected a democratic mayor, Edward H. Lathrop, defesting William E. Sanderson, republican candidate for a fourth term. In six cities the mayors secured re-elections, M. Fred O'Connei, independent, being re-elected at Fitchburg; William P. White, republican, at Lawrence; Henry H. Parsons (no party designation) at Gloucester; William H. Macinnis, democrat, at Pittsfield; William T. Shea, democrat, at Quincy; and E. Walker, republican, at Quincy; and E. Walker, republican, at

William H. Clifford, independent-democrat, for four years an unsuccessful candidate, was elected mayor of Brockton by a close vote. J. J. Saughnessy, democrat, was elected at Mariboro and Calvin Cooldige, republican, at Northampton. William S. Woods (no party designation) was apparently elected at Taunton by thirty votes over Mayor Edgar L. Crossman, but the latter announced his intention of asking for a recount.

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Charles S. Ashley, who has conducted sixteen campaigns for mayor in New Bedford, was elected for his four-teenth term by a comfortable major-

Springfield voted for a two-year term instead of one for mayor and city treasurer. OF THE CUSTOMS SERVICE

GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE

ferdict in Case of Mrs. Wilhelm, Husband Killer.

yesterday were referred to the committee on rules.

Representative Campbell of Kansas had a conversation with Attorney General Wickersham today concerning his resolution, and the attorney general emphasized the desire expressed by the president in his message today to congress "that he should keep hands off at present."

Mr. Campbell assured Mr. Wickersham that there was no desire on the part of himself or other members to interfere with the work of the executive departments. Sica, whom the state contends con-spired with Mrs. Wilhelm to put her husband out of the way in order that they might be married, will be tried next.

TARIFF REFORM PROPOSALS To Be Put Forward in Case of Union ist Success in English Elections.

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Probe the campaign contributions of the so-called sugar trust and show who gave, and how much, in effect is the direction in a bill introduced today by Danasantative Gillespie of Texas. It London, Dec. 7.—The Birmingham Daily Post tomorrow will publish an article from inspired sources outlining article from inspired sources outlining the tariff reform proposals which are likely to be put forward by the unionist government if the unionists are successful at the elections, prefacing it with the remark that the country's financial necessities are much greater than they were in 1905, when Joseph Chamberlain started the movement. The article proceeds:

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"It is preposed to establish a general tariff, placing duties on practically all goods that are not deemed raw material, with the object, first, of raising Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 7.—Charles L. Warriner, indicted in connection with the defalcation of \$643,000 from the Big Four railroad, will not be brought to trial before next year. It had been the intention of Prosecutor Hunt to have the case called next week, but today Warriner's attorneys obtained a post-ponement of thirty days so that Warriner could wind up his business before trial. revenue; second, of assisting the home producer against foreign competition; third, of giving preference to colonies; fourth, of securing better terms from foreign countries, and, finally, of mitigating unemployment by encouraging the home producer."

SENATOR SMOOT'S BILL

Would Teach a Woman How to Cook, and Darn Socks-

Considerable interest was aroused today by the announcement that R. M. Huddlestone of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad had been made general auditor of the entire New York Central system. At the Big Four headquarters, however, it was said that the appointment had nothing to do with the Warriner shortage. Washington, Dec. 7.—"There is just as much need that a woman should be taught how to cook and sew, make her own hats and darn her husband's socks, if she has a husband, or expects to get one, as there is to teach a man how to farm," said Senator Smoot today. He followed this statement with the announcement that he would introduce a bill making appropriations of troduce a bill making appropriations of \$10,000 each to agricultural colleges, which funds are to be used in the teaching of domestic science.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 7.—At public auction late today the Texas property of the Waters-Pierce Oll company was sold to S. W. Fordyce and associates of St. Louis for \$1,431,741. The property of the Security Oll company was bought by John Sealay of Galveston for \$85,000, and that of the Nevarro Refining company of Corsicanna was bought by Sealay for \$750,000. Sixty cars of the Union Tank Line company were bought by Sealay for \$40,000.

The properties were sold on account of the anti-trust suits and ouster proceedings instituted some time ago by the state of Texas. Senator Smoot appreciates that fun will be made of such a measure and that it will be opposed from many quarters, but he says he feels assured that he can make enough converts to have it enacted.

Scoret Conference of Insurance perintendents.

New York, Dec. 7.—Insurance superintendents of fourteen states met here today to consider recommendations to be made to the state legislatures looking to more uniform laws regulating life, fire and fraternal insurance companies. The conference, which will lest three deve is not once surance companies. The conference, which will last three days, is not open

Funeral of Bishop Goodsell.

New York Dec. 7.—Bishop W. F. McDowell, resident bishop of Chicago, today delivered an eloquent eulogy over the body of Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell, resident bishop of the Methodist church in New York, who died Sunday. After the funeral services the body was left in the church and will be taken to Meriden, Conn., for interment tomorrow.

Senator John Raines in Hospital.

Canandalgua, N. Y., Dec. 7.—State
Senator John Raines was brought to
the Thompson Memorial hospital here
today, and probably will be operated
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R. D. Muir Unable Freight Moving To Secure Bail Satisfactorily

FORMER CASHIER OF A NEW HA- BUT NOT NORMAL CONDITIONS VEN BANK AND TRUST CO.

LOCKED UP IN COUNTY JAIL

/ain Appeal to Reduce Bail of \$10,000 -Embezzler Held for Hearing-Bank in Good Condition

New Haven, Dec. 7.—Robert D. Muir, the former cashier of the People's Bank and Trust company, who was arrested last night upon compilaint of the state bank commissioners, charged with stealing \$35,000 of the bank's funds, was held in \$10,000 for a hear-ing one week hence in city court to-

His counsel pleaded for a reduction of bail, saying that Muir had cut short ing out the accounts, he had acted fairly and openly with the bank officer and, moreover, the order for his arrest was as much a surprise to the bank officers and stockholders as it bank officers and stockholders as it was to Muir himself. Muir's counsel said that a ball bond of \$10,000 was prohibitive. Muir was needed to assist the bank officers and besides he had a wife and family who needed his

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Ierardi asked that the bonds be continued at \$10,000. He pointed out the gravity of the complaint and said that it was not claimed that any stockholder or bank officer made the complaint. The complaint was brought under the statutes by the bank commissioners, who laid the matter before the office of the state's attorney. The accused, he understood, at one time had taken a much greater sum, but about \$100,000 had been recovered. The bail of \$10,000 is only about one-third of the amount which Muir is accused of stealing.

Hearing a Week Hence. After further argument the court said that it did not feel like reducing the amount of the bond in view of the nature of the offense, and so it was continued as at present, and the hearing set for one week hence.

Looked Up in County Jail. New Haven, Dec. 7.—After having remained at police headquarters until 5 o'clock this afternoon with the hope of securing hall, which he falled to do, Muir was taken to the county jail and ocked up for the night.

Bank Finances in Good Condition. New Haven, Dec. 7.—The state bank examiners finished their examination of the bank late today and announced that they found its finances in good

CONGRESS "OUT OF WORK," ADJOURNED UNTIL FRIDAY. President's Message Re. 1-Republican and Democratic Comment.

New York, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Mary Wilhelm, jointly indicted with Nicholas Sica for the murder last February of her husband, Frank Wilhelm, a contractor, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury of Newark, N. J., tonight. The jury was out four hours and ten minutes.

Mrs. Wilhelm received the verdict with little show of emotion and seemed gratified with the clause of the finding.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Having assembled and received the president's annual message (printed elsewhere in full), congress today found itself litterally "out of work," and as a consequence both houses adjourned until Friday. If in the meantime some of the various committees fail to provide something to do, adjournment will be taken until Monday next.

The reading of the message con-

The reading of the message consumed about an hour and a half of the time of each house today.

The republicans seemed to agree that it was as satisfactory a document as the president could prepare and remain consistent with the party's campaign pledges. The democrats approved of the president's efforts to economize, but deprecated his suggestion that the Monroe doctrine had practically become obsolete.

In both the house and the senate the message was subjected to the members paid little attention to the perfunctory reading of it by the clerks they buried their heads between its pages and digested as much of it as they could at one reading.

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Following the custom, the message was referred to the committee of the whole by both branches to be prepared for "vivisection" by the various committees whose business it is to deal with the subjects discussed by the

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The senate after a brief executive session adjourned at 2.30 o'clock out of respect to the memory of Representatives De Armond of Missouri and Lassiter of Virginia.

The house had adjourned at 1.54 o'clock

REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS

Armed Invasion Expected-State De

Washington, Dec. 7.—The government of Honduras, apprehending an armed invasion, has proclaimed martial law throughout the republic. This information reached the state department today, but no indication was given as to the source from which the invasion was expected.

It is believed, however, that Manuel Bonilla, former president of Honduras, who was deposed by President Davilla, through the help of Zelaya, may be taking advantage of the situation in Nicaragua to seek revenge. For some time it has been suspenced among Central Americans that Davilla was in sympathy with Zelaya in his efficient or crush the revolution under Estrada, and it is thought that Bonilla's threatened invasion of Honduras at this time would serve the double purpose of preventing any aid being given Zelaya and at the same time render possible the overthrow of the Davilla governtime it has been suspenced among Central Americans that Davilla was in sympathy with Zelaya in his effrts to crush the revolution under Estrada, and it is thought that Bonilla's threatened invasion of Honduras at this time would serve the double purpose of preventing any aid being given Zelaya and at the same time render possible the overthrow of the Davilla government.

Suicide by Drowning the Verdict, Fishkill Landing, N. Y. Dec. 7.—Suicide by drowning was the verdict returned tonight by the coroner after an inquest over the body of Margaret Dauerty, the Vassar college girl and daughter of the Rev. William H. Dauerty, who was found dead in a cistern at Hughsonville yesterday. The contributory cause was given as nervous exhaustion and mental abarration. There was nothing to indicate foul play.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 7.—A hotly contested election resulted in a victory for Mayor Patrick J. Boyle, who is now serving her thirteenth term, over William P. Clarke today. Many winter residents of New York who are Newport citizens came here to cast their ballots. Hotly Contested Election at Newport

Thompsonville, Conn., Dec. 7.—While playing in the kitchen of her home here today, Dorothy Campbell, four years old, fell backwards into a tub of hot water, receiving burns which

AT ALL POINTS.

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE CONDITIONS

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 7.—Fifteen prominent jobbers and manufacturers, constituting a committee of the Jobbers' Union and Manufacturers of St. Paul, today made a personal inspection of the terminals and transfer stations in and about the Twin City for the purpose of ascertaining for themselves the actual conditions as a result of the switchmen's strike.

Goods May Be Freely Ordered. Goods May Be Freely Ordered.

After a tour in a private car, the committee gave out a statement to the effect that "the freight is being moved in a very satisfactory manner, and although normal conditions do not prevail at all points, a volume of business above normal was being handled at some points."

The stahement concludes: "We feel justified, therefore, in announcing to our customers throughout the entire northwest that they may order goods freely without fear of serious delay."

THAN WHISKEY OR BEER. American Wine Growers' Convention Discuss the Matter.

New York, Dec. 7.—The problem of educating the American public to indulge in native wines in preference to whiskey and beer came up for discussion today at the opening of the sixth annual convention of the American Wine Growers' association.

"The American people are not wine drinkers," said L J. Vance, secretary of the association, "because they have not been educated to appreciate the value of wine consumption and because they have been unable to get imported wines at reasonable price." Incidentally, W. E. Hildreth, president of the association, said the tide of prohibition was turning, in that the people "were becoming more senthe people "were becoming more sen-sible with the understanding that it was better to take a drink honestly than to be a hypocrite and a law-

A resolution was adopted requesting Representative J. Sloat Fassett of this state to re-introduce in congress the Fassett pure wine bill. Members of the association agreed to ask their respective congressmen to support the measure. President Hildreth was re-elected, as were all other officers.

FORMER TOWN TREASURER OF GUILFORD ARRESTED.

Charged With Embezziement of \$8,000

-Held Under \$3,000 Bonds. Guilford, Conn., Dec. 7.—Former Town Treasurer George S. Davis, who it is alleged is short in his accounts with the town, was arrested tonight, charged with the embezzlement of \$8,000 and given a hearing before the town court. He was held under \$3,000 bonds for the January term of the criminal superior court. Bonds were furnished by E. F. Bishop.

The action taken at a town meeting

Saturday, when it was voted not to prosecute Davis, was not favorably received by those who opposed the course taken, and tonight a warrant in the name of Richard Wilcox, a resident and farmer of the town, was served on Davis. The trial of the case was put over to the January term of court owing to the absence in the west of Dav-

DOWIE'S SUCCESSOR

REMANDED TO JAIL Had Gained Temporary Through Habeas Corpus Writ.

Zion City, Ill., Dec. 7.—Wilbur Glenn Vollva, general overseer of the Chris-tian Catholic church, founded by John Alexander Dowie, was remanded to jall

Voliva was placed in jail several months ago for failure to pay a judgment entered in favor of Philip Mothersill, an attorney, for libel and slander, but gained temporary liberty through a writ of habeas corpus, controlling that his arrest was illegal be-

through a writ of habeas corpus, con-tending that his arrest was illegal be-cause made in Lake county (Zion City) by the sheriff of McHenry county. Judge Frost today held that the ar-rest was legal. Counsel for Voliva got a ten days' stay in the execution of the jail order.

SHORT SUGAR WEIGHT. One Weigher Said He Was Too Smart to Get Caught.

fendants, about the apparent short weights. Spitzer had replied, he said, that he was "too smart to get caught."

Switchmen's Strike Holds Up U. S.

Army Transport.
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 7.—Because of the switchmen's strike, the United States army transport Dix, which was to have sailed for the Philippines last Sunday, is still awaiting part of its cargo of provisions. The transport probably will leave tomorrow. Although the raffroads are improving the situation in Pacific coast terminal yards, normal conditions have not been restored, and the striking switchmen continue honeful.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Francis J. Heney today resigned as assistant district attorney of San Francisco. He was appointed by District Attorney Langdon as special prosecutor in the cases growing out of the bribery graft investigation. At the recent election Heney was defeated for the office of district attorney by Charles M. Fickart.

Condensed Telegrams

Opposition Was Withdrawn to the dmission of Ben Andrews' will to pro-

The Queen Received for the first time John G. Leishman, the American ambassador to Italy.

A Committee of the University of Copenhagen has been appointed to re-ceive Dr. Cook's polar records.

The Southern Commercial Congress began a two days' session with ad-iresses by many prominent men. Miss Florence Alden of Indianapolis accepted a jail sentence rather than marry a man who used an ear trump-

Dominick Loeb, a grocer of Wilkes-barre, Pa., accused of seiling eggs of questional date, was sentenced to eat

The Philippine Government has sold the friar lands in the Philippines to a purchaser believed to represent the

The Chinese Government has sent the state department a long circular note restating the principles involved in the

M. Fernandez, an Aviator, was killed at Nice, France, the motor of his aeroplane exploding after he had attained a gheat height.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh submitted to the house of representa-tives the estimates of appropriations for the various departments

Secretary Knox Has Proposed to the universities and academies among all the American republic an exchange of professorships and students.

The Supreme Court Decided that the comptroller of the currency is an agent of the government, with power to examine into affairs of national banks. The Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the "shooting up" of Bronwaville, Tex., by negroes of the 25th infantry, will reconvene and take additional testimony.

President Taft Will Leave Washing-ton next Monday for New York, where he will make an address at the dia-mond jubilee of the Methodist Episcopal church mission in Africa.

TRAINMEN GET INCREASE OF FIFTEEN PER CENT.

Telegraph Operators Decline Offer of Increase-Michigan Central Road.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—In regard to a report emanating from Lansing, Mich., today, that the Michigan Central railroad had increased the wages of its trainmen and telegraph operators, General Supt. S. W. Brown of the company said:

"The conductors and brakemen were given an increase of approximately 15 per cent. several weeks ago. The negotiations with the men extended till nearly the last of Occtober, but the increase was made effective October 1.

increase that affected fifty offices on our lines, but they declined the offer and are trying to arrange an inter-view with General Manager R. H.

At the general superintendent's of-fice of the Pere Marquette road this afternoon it was stated that the teleg-raphers received a five per cent. In-crease September 1, that the firemen have closed negotiations for a five to seven per cent increase, effective cember 15, and that the trainn switchmen, boilermakers, machin

an increase on January I.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The demand of the
Telegraphers, for an increase of ten
Illinois Central Rallroad company and
affiliated with the Order of Railroad Telegrapehs, for an increase of ten per cent. in wages, was refused here today by the officials of the road.

At the request of the railroad officials it was agreed to submit the matter of the increase in wages to the mediation of Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and interstate commerce commission and Federal Labor Commissioner Neill. Telegrams were sent to the mediators.

IN HER OWN DEFENSE Emphatically Denies That She Offered to Pay \$1,000 for Husband's Death.

New York, Dec. 7—Mrs. Mary J. Wilhelm, on trial in Newark, N. J., charged with the murder in February last of her husband, Frank Wilhelm, took the stand in her own defense today. She had loved her husband devotedly up to the time of his death, she testified, and she denied emphatically that she had offered William Levy \$1,000 to take Wilhelm's life, as Levy had sworn on the stand yesterday.

In one bit of testimony she referred to Wilhelm as a scoundred, but again repeated that she loved him. Creditors, she said, had frequently threatened his life. The defense rested and counsel began summing up for Mrs. Wilhelm

NEW JERSEY BATHTUB MYSTERY That of Mrs. Snead.

New York, Dec. 7.—The emaciated body which has figured in the East Orange, N. J., bathtub mystery as that of Mrs. Ocey W. M. Snead was posi-tively identified this afternoon, and all doubt seems to have been dispelled concerning the possibility that Mrs. Snead is yet alive. Identification was established at the morgue by an elderly woman who said

morgue by an elderly woman who said Mrs. Snead had been her pupil in a southern school. The woman's name was not made known.

The police stopped the funeral ceremony today in order that the spysterious witness might examine the body.

Thaw Still Trying to Get Away from Matteawan. White Plains N. Y., Dec. 7.—Notwithstanding his repeated failure to obtain release under habeas corpus procedure, Harry K. Thaw is still trying to get away from Matteawan. His attorney obtained an order here today, returnable at Nyack. N. Y., next Saturday, directing the authorities of the asylum to show cause why Thaw should not be transferred to some other institution. The petition was made by Mrs. Mary C. Thaw, who alleges that her son is being mistreated at Matteawan.

600 ..oops Remain on Duty

ABOUT THE PREMISES OF THE AETNA STANDARD PLANT.

TIN PLATE STRIKE ARBITRATION

Sentries Posted Along Ohio River to Guard Against Invasion from Wast

Bridgeport, Ohio, Dec. 7. — The strike of the employes at the Astna Standard plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company, which thus far has caused the serious injury of half a dozen men, the calling out of fifteen hundred state soldlers and an estimated loss to the workers, plantowners and the state of over \$100,000, reduced itself tonight into a waiting game.

Arbitration Talk.

It is now generally believed that, before the week is out, the strike question will be arbitrated and terms reached whereby the former employes of the company, who are all members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Sheet and Plate Workers, will return to their old jobs under conditions suitable to all concerned.

Vice President Lewis of the Amalgamated association intimated tonight that he had been approached with overtures for an arbitration of the strike disagreements. Officials of the American company deny such overtures have been made.

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Tin Plate company conferred with the home office in Pittsburg today, dis-cussing three propositions to end the strike. What was decided at the meet-ing of the officials in Pittsburg was

Precautions Against Invasion. But six hundred troops remain here. General Speaks tonight posted sen-tries along the Ohlo river to guard against strikers' invasion from the West Virginia shores.

Tin Mills May Be Dismantled. Bridgeport, Ohio, Dec. 7.—District Manager C. A. Robinson of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company left for New York tonight to confer with the United States Steel corporation heads. It is reported Mr. Robinson favors the dismantling of the tin mills here and will urge this plan to end the labor troubles.

SOMEBODY BLUNDERED,

BIG SENSATION CREATED. Premature Release of Report of Se retary of the Treasury.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Root of New York, presiding in the senate today in the temporary absence of Vice President Sherman, created, all Vice President Sherman, created, all unknown to himself, among the newspaper men, a sensation, the effects of which were even international. Copies of the innual report of the secretary of the treasury were in the hands of the newspapers throughout this country and in Europe, to be held in confidence for publication tomorrow afternoon. The report itself was still unsigned, on the deak of Secretary MacVeagh in the treasury building. By some means as yet undeciphered, two printed copies of the report found their way to the deak of the president of the senate.

senate, and he deftly handed the treas-ury report over the desk with the routine announcement customary in such cases. Instantly the keen eared reporters on the senate floor flashed to the wires the news that the report had become a public document and the "release" was clicked off to Chicago, San Francisco, New York and Europe. It was well nigh two heurs before the fact that a hunder had been made was realized. Upon Secreary Mac-Veagh's insistence an effort was made to recall the release, but he soon came to appreciate that the mischief was in fact irreparable and consented to waive

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An amusing feature of the mixup lies in the fact that the report should not have been handed down in the senate at all, since in accordance with law it is addressed only to the speaker of the house of representatives.

FOR INCREASE IN PENSIONS. Many Private Bills Already Present

Washington, Dec. f.—Regardies of the recent old age pension legislation providing a pension of not less than \$12 per month for practically all of the old soldiers of the country, congress is still being importuned for increases to almost as great an extent as before the general legislation was enacted. Of the three or four thousand private bills already presented in the house a large majority are for private pensions and the indications are that many more will be introduced early in the session.

At its first meeting today the house committee tackled the large pile of such measures before it, and favorable reports were ordered on about 450 of them. These reports pertain to cases which had been investigated by the committee's examiner since the last session.

TAKEN FROM DEATH ROOM.

Indictment of Murder Against James
D. Farmer Quashed. Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Justice Andrews today quashed the indictment of murder against James D. Farmer, who was recently taken from the death room at Auburn prisen, after the court of appeals had reversed his conviction of complicity in the murder of Sarah Brennan of Brownville. He was arraigned on charges of felony and forgery in connection with the crime and entered pleas of not guilty to both.

Independent Telephone Men Discuss the Bell Contest-

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Chicago, Dec. 7.—Independent telephone men from all parts of the United States met here today to discuss long distance service and other matters of importance in the contest with the Bell companies. The significance of the purchase of leading companies in Indiana, Ohio and elsewhere by James S. Brailey, Jr., of Toledo, was discussed in an informal manner, Mr. Brailey, who was present at the meeting, confined himself to the assertion that his centrol of the companies will not be in the interest of the Bell system.

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Railway Mail Clerk Arrested.

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Washington, Dec. 7.—A change in date of inauguration of the president of the United States from March 4 to the last Thursday in April is strongly recommended in the annual division, charged with the theft of letters. Frankau is 37 years of age.

He was born in Connecticut.